

(c) determining whether the book belongs to a certain library; and
(d) storing that information on an RFID element to create an RFID tag
for the library material.

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10. (Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the method further includes the step of (c) obtaining additional information about the library material and storing that information on the RFID element.

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11. (Amended) ~~The~~ The method of claim 10, wherein the additional information is obtained from library automation vendor (LAV) software having a database including information about the library material.

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12. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the additional information is obtained visually from the library material, and is entered into the RFID device manually.

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15. (Amended) ~~The~~ The method of claim 14, wherein the operator can provide input to the display in order to control the display.

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19. (Amended) A method of identifying a specific item having an RFID element associated therewith from among a larger group of items also having RFID elements associated therewith, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an RFID interrogation device with information identifying the specific item;
(b) interrogating the larger group of items; and
(c) providing a signal when the RFID device interrogates the RFID tag associated with the specific item;

wherein the information provided in step (a) is information identifying a class of items, and step (c) comprises providing a signal when the RFID device interrogates an RFID tag associated with a specific item within that class; and wherein the class of items are items belonging in the same section of the library.

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23. (Amended) A method of using a handheld RFID device for reading information from an RFID element, comprising the steps of interrogating the RFID tags